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door-to-door outreach and engagement, such as the Washington Community Action Network. The funding would support proactive outreach to educate tenants about their rights and ensure they fully understand the law and available tenant resources within the City. This would increase the number of tenants reached through SDCI’s outreach efforts. Specifically, the funding would support services provided by a community organization with experience conducting outreach in neighborhoods with low-income renters and communities of color. The funding is intended to be ongoing support for SDCI to contract with community organizations.

Background

In 2017, the Council requested that SDCI prepare a proposal for a Tenant Landlord Resource Center in coordination with other city departments and in consultation with stakeholders (see 2017 [SLI 144-1-A-1](#)). In addition to the SLI request, Council added the following one-time GSF resources in 2017 that enhanced funding for outreach and education for tenant and landlords: (1) \$65,000 to develop a new web site to help renters and landlords navigate Seattle’s rental regulations and (2) \$50,000 to support coordinated outreach efforts and prepare educational materials to better inform tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities under Seattle’s rental regulations, with a focus on outreach to communities with limited English proficiency and immigrant and refugee communities. The web site is under development and is expected to be completed and launched in December 2017. SDCI is continuing to conduct outreach work to tenants and landlords.

The Proposed Budget adds \$200,000 to support the Tenant Landlord Resource Center (working title “Renting in Seattle”) to improve services to renters and landlords through improved communication; outreach, including to historically underrepresented communities; and cross-departmental coordination. In addition, the Human Services Department (HSD) currently has contracts with three community organizations to provide services such as legal aid, foreclosure prevention, tenant counseling, technical assistance and workshops. In 2017, the City provided approximately \$715,000 in funding for these services via HSD to the Legal Action Center, Tenants Union, and Solid Ground. This budget action would provide resources for more proactive outreach and engagement.

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Budget Action Transactions

Budget Action Title: Add \$200,000 GSF to SDCI for tenant outreach

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase GSF support for tenant outreach				FG	Planning and Development Fund	Q5971570	00100	2018		\$200,000
2	Increase revenue from GSF for tenant outreach				SDCI	General Subfund Support	587001	15700	2018	\$200,000	
3	Increase appropriation for tenant outreach				SDCI	Code Compliance	U2400	15700	2018		\$200,000